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Philip H. Von Lintel  
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Dear Mr. Von Lintel:

This constitutes my decision, pursuant to 36 CFR 215, on your appeal of Colville National Forest Supervisor Nora Rasure's Decision and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the United States Air Force Survival Training Special Use Permit Renewal.

I have reviewed the appeal record for the project. This record includes the decision documentation, the Forest Supervisor's record transmittal, and the written recommendation of the Appeal Reviewing Officer (ARO). The ARO focused their review on the documentation developed by the Forest Supervisor and the issues raised in your appeals. A copy of her recommendation is enclosed. Responses to the relevant issues raised in your appeals are documented in the appeal record. The record also demonstrates that the analysis addresses the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects consistent with applicable laws, regulations, policies, and existing direction.

I conducted my review of the record pursuant to 36 CFR 215. The appeals assert the Forest Supervisor's decision is not in accordance with the legal requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

A review of the decision documentation indicates substantial consideration was given to the relevant, site-specific issues raised in your appeals. There was early and continuous discussion between the Forest Service (FS) and the public regarding the issues. The Environmental Assessment (EA) documents that the FS considered and addressed all the issues and concerns relevant to the site-specific impacts of the proposed action. The Forest Supervisor's transmittal is enclosed. I find the decision is consistent with all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and existing direction.

The EA and DN address the site-specific direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental consequences of the proposed action. The EA and DN address your concerns in detail. The EA disclosed results of analysis of potential impacts.

I find the decision maker was well informed about the issues raised in your appeals, including changes in human environment. The EA addresses the cause-and-effect relationships and discloses how the information was used in predicting the environmental consequences. The



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record provides evidence that essential elements needed to maintain a sustainable ecosystem have been considered.

The EA, DN, and FONSI disclosures adequately address all your relevant site-specific concerns. Analysis conducted by the interdisciplinary team and disclosed in the EA supports implementation of the selected alternative. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Based on the decision documentation and the ARO's recommendation, I support the Forest Supervisor's decision and deny your request for relief.

This decision constitutes the final administrative determination by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is not subject to further administrative review.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Nancy Graybeal* (for)

LINDA GOODMAN  
Appeal Deciding Officer  
Deputy Regional Forester

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